

THE COVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Cove Improvement District is being proposed to pay for sewer and street improvements in the Cove to comply with Assembly Bill 358. AB 358 requires that septic tank use be eliminated in the Cathedral City Cove by January 1, 2012 and was passed by the State in response to Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and Desert Water Agency (DWA) findings that nitrates and bacteria from long-term use of septic tanks in the Cove is contributing to the degradation of the Coachella Valley underground aquifer and water supply.

California 1913 and 1915 Bond Acts will be used to form the Cove Improvement District. These Bond Acts allow the cost of the improvements to be spread among all benefiting property owners over a 30-year period of time through property tax assessments.

In July 2004, the City Council accepted petitions from approximately 53% of the property owners in the Cove requesting cost estimates for the Cove Improvement District. The City is now performing engineering and financial work to present the cost to each property owner in the Cove prior to a vote on the proposed Cove Improvement District.

A Steering Committee has been formed and is made up of property owners from the Cove. The Cove Steering Committee is working with City staff and the project engineers to provide feedback on engineering, cost estimates and other facets of the project.

The voting period for the Cove Improvement District will be from March 24 to May 25, 2005. It is planned that the ballots will be tabulated at the City Council meeting of May 25th. Each property owner in the Cove will be mailed a ballot on March 24th, and will be able to mail it in or turn it in directly at City Hall. Only property owners in the Cove will be voting on the proposed Cove Improvement District.

Check this website for updates on upcoming community meetings in the Cove related to this project!